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Application No.: 09/942,881 ) Examiner: D.A. Walls  
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Filed: August 31, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 9479  
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For: OXIDANT/CATALYST )  
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CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE )  
MAINSTREAM SMOKE OF A )  
CIGARETTE )

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 5, 2002, the period for response having been extended until March 5, 2003, by a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A marked-up version of the claims showing insertions and deletions appears in attached Appendix A. Please replace Claims 1, 4, 10-12, 15, 25 and 34, and add new Claims 43-74, as follows:

1. (Amended) A cut filler composition comprising tobacco and at least one additive other than aluminum oxide capable of acting as an oxidant for the conversion of carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide.

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